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Applicants: Olivo G. Sivilotti et al.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

1185 Ave. of the Americas

New York, N.Y. 10036

February 21, 2003

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), appellants hereby petition that the period for response to the final Office Action, dated September 4, 2002 in the above-identified application, be extended for three months. A check in payment of the requisite extension fee of \$930, and applicants' response are submitted herewith.

If any additional extension fee is required to prevent abandonment of the application, please charge the amount of such additional fee to Cooper & Dunham LLP, Deposit Account No. 03-3125. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully,

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